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Toshiaki INOUE ) Confirmation No.: 5287  
Application No.: 10/563,748 ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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For: DATA TRANSMISSION METHOD, )  
DATA TRANSMISSION CIRCUIT, )  
OUTPUT CIRCUIT, INPUT )  
CIRCUIT, SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE, AND ELECTRONIC )  
DEVICE )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Taiwanese Office Action dated December 11, 2006 that issued in a counterpart Taiwanese patent application and having a document cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and is also attached hereto.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood from the attached English-language abstract and from the citation of this document in the attached

Taiwanese Office Action dated December 11, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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